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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Warning
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Indications and Warning in Europe []

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1. I have gone over your suggestions on Gene Tighe's response to my memorandum to him on I&W in Europe []. In general, I agree with your approach. Tighe, however, is avoiding my suggestion in paragraph 2 of my memorandum of 15 November. He wants to keep even an I&W target list for Europe, which is expanded from purely military into economic and political, strictly under military control. What I want to do is get NFAC and D/DCI/CT involved in the establishment of the broader indicators. This is not simply a parochial grab for power, but a recognition that the military is not as finely attuned to the political and economic as we are. Additionally, I do believe that in this manner we can familiarize the important Europeans with our technical capabilities without opening the doors to an understanding of our technical systems characteristics or to a very sensitive product. Could you go back in our memorandum to Tighe and press this issue again and suggest that he and I jointly try to convene a meeting with [] on a review of the overall warning indicators that we each see, with the military indicators being only a small portion of that?

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2. Beyond this, I fully agree with you on your suggestion for moving towards a National Intelligence Disclosure Policy Committee. I'm ready to go on that any time; perhaps we should wait until Harold Brown raises the general issue if he does. The NDPC really has me scared after our last encounter with it. It seems to me we want an NMDPC and an NIDPC, each of which would have jurisdiction in its own field but not in the other's. I leave it to you as to when and how we should move in that direction.

3. I also agree that we cannot turn over to DIA the authority to disclose satellite photography, particularly not to "political leaders."

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Gene knows I do not agree with him here because I objected so strenuously to their putting on the briefing for the when it really should have been done from a national basis rather than a military basis.

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4. All portions of this memorandum are classified SECRET.

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